

## OPINION 1895

***Riisea* and *riisei* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860 (Cnidaria, Anthozoa): conserved as the correct original spellings of generic and specific names based on the surname Riise**

**Keywords.** Nomenclature: taxonomy: Anthozoa: corals: *Riisea*; *Carijoua riisei*; *Thalamophyllia riisei*.

### Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers it is hereby ruled that:
  - (a) the correct original spelling of the generic name *Rusea* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860 is *Riisea*;
  - (b) for the following specific names:
    - (i) the correct original spelling of *rusei* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, as published in the binomen *Clavularia rusei*, is *riisei*;
    - (ii) the correct original spelling of *rusei* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, as published in the binomen *Desmophyllum rusei*, is *riisei*.
- (2) The name *Riisea* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860 (gender: feminine), type species by monotypy *Riisea paniculata* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology (spelling emended by the ruling in (1)(a) above).
- (3) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
  - (a) *paniculata* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, as published in the binomen *Rusea* (sic) *paniculata* (specific name of the type species of *Riisea* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860);
  - (b) *riisei* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1960, as published in the binomen *Clavularia rusei* (spelling emended by the ruling in (1)(b)(i) above);
  - (c) *riisei* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1960, as published in the binomen *Desmophyllum rusei* (spelling emended by the ruling in (1)(b)(ii) above).
- (4) The name *Rusea* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860 is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology (ruled in (1)(a) above to be an incorrect original spelling of *Riisea*).
- (5) The following names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology:
  - (a) *rusei* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, as published in the binomen *Clavularia rusei* (ruled in (1)(b)(i) above to be an incorrect original spelling of *riisei*);
  - (b) *rusei* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, as published in the binomen *Desmophyllum rusei* (ruled in (1)(b)(ii) above to be an incorrect original spelling of *riisei*).

### History of Case 2940

An application to conserve *Riisea* and the specific names of *Clavularia riisei* and *Thalamophyllia riisei*, all of Duchassaing & Michelotti (1860), as the correct original

spellings of names first published as *Rusea*, *C. rusei* and *T. rusei* was received from Dr Frederick M. Bayer (*National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., U.S.A.*) and Dr Manfred Grasshoff (*Forschungsinstitut und Museum Senckenberg, Frankfurt am Main, Germany*) on 13 June 1994. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 54: 11–13 (March 1997). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

### Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1997 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 54: 12–13. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1998 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 21: Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Cocks, Eschmeyer, Heppell, Kabata, Kerzhner, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Papp, Patterson, Savage, Song

Negative votes — 1: Štys.

No votes were received from Dupuis and Schuster.

Cogger and Ride were on leave of absence.

### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists and Official Indexes by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*paniculata*, Riisea, Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, *Memorie della Reale Accademia delle Scienze di Torino*, (2)19: 294. (Also issued as a separate, p. 18).

*Riisea* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, *Memorie della Reale Accademia delle Scienze di Torino*, (2)19: 294 (Also issued as a separate, p. 18) (incorrectly spelled as *Rusea*).

*riisei*, *Clavularia*, Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1960, *Memorie della Reale Accademia delle Scienze di Torino*, (2)19: 310 (Also issued as a separate, p. 34) (incorrectly spelled as *rusei*).

*riisei*, *Desmophyllum*, Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1960, *Memorie della Reale Accademia delle Scienze di Torino*, (2)19: 337 (Also issued as a separate, p. 61) (incorrectly spelled as *rusei*).

*Rusea* Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, *Memorie della Reale Accademia delle Scienze di Torino*, (2)19: 294 (Also issued as a separate, p. 18) (an incorrect original spelling of *Riisea*).

*rusei*, *Clavularia*, Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, *Memorie della Reale Accademia delle Scienze di Torino*, (2)19: 310 (Also issued as a separate, p. 34) (an incorrect original spelling of *riisei*).

*rusei*, *Desmophyllum*, Duchassaing & Michelotti, 1860, *Memorie della Reale Accademia delle Scienze di Torino*, (2)19: 337 (Also issued as a separate, p. 61) (an incorrect original spelling of *riisei*).